



## Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council April 2016-August 2016

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a collaborative relationship between the SGC, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Public Health Institute (PHI). This update shares highlights of Task Force work for the period from April 2016 through August 2016. Progress continues on eight implementation plans endorsed by the SGC, as well as a variety of other projects.

### Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- The HiAP Task Force quarterly meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> convened representatives from 15 agencies and departments. Highlights include:
  - Departments discussed **mechanisms for promoting equity and health**. Staff from the Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Agency, and Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery shared examples of how they engage vulnerable and disadvantaged communities to learn more about their capacity needs, and how this information has been integrated into programs, policies, and practices such as the Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement Working Group.
  - A lunch-time **HiAP Learning Academy** session featured an interactive presentation by Genoveva Islas, Executive Director of Cultiva La Salud. Ms. Islas spoke about how the HiAP approach is being used to address poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and health inequities in the San Joaquin Valley. Representatives from over 20 state agencies and departments participated and discussed historical and current social justice and environmental justice inequities in the Central Valley and highlighted economic development, capacity building, and strengthened community political power as strategies to alleviate them.
- The Task Force has formed a new **Equity Work Group**, with representatives from the Natural Resources Agency, Department of Community Services and Development, Department of Social Services, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Board of State and Community Corrections, and Strategic Growth Council. The work group is developing:
  - A proposed timeline of actions, which could include creation and dissemination of guidance documents, communication instruments, and tools and resources (e.g., creating equity principles or an equity statement, bill analysis tools, and resources on effective community engagement).
  - A questionnaire to gather information about how agencies are defining, promoting, and embedding equity through programs, policies, and practices, as well as to identify capacity building needs for the Task Force.

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- The Task Force is gathering input to develop a new action plan on the topic of **urban and community greening and access to parks**.
  - Staff coordinated a multi-sector “kick off” meeting to plan next steps with implementation of the HiAP Action Plan to **Promote Violence-Free and Resilient Communities**.
  - The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is currently updating the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) guidelines**, and HiAP staff are partnering with the CTC and the Department of Transportation to gather stakeholder input focusing on integrating health and equity broadly into RTPs as well as to support development of a new appendix highlighting best practices for integrating health and equity into RTPs, as required by AB 441 (2012, Monning).
  - **The Land Use, Schools, and Health** Work Group finalized its planned activities for 2016-2017 and has made progress on mapping member stakeholder networks, identifying opportunities to align with the federal education, transportation, and housing partnership to *Promote Diversity in Schools and Communities, and Narrow Opportunity Gaps*, increased understanding of the Department of Education’s role in advancing healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities through school siting, and increased collaboration between members in support of promoting greening school campuses with vegetation and trees. HiAP Task Force staff are also supporting Department of Education and Strategic Growth Council staff to share information and priorities regarding an upcoming update to the Department of Education school facility siting regulations.

## Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for other states and communities in California. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- Staff met with a number of key stakeholder organizations including California Pan Ethnic Health Network, PolicyLink, Prevention Institute, and the California Urban Forestry Council, to get input on Task Force priority topics related to violence prevention and urban and community greening.
- Task Force staff are supporting CDPH’s Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Work Group as they complete an HIA for the Air Resources Board, CalRecycle, and Department of Food and Agriculture on increasing composting facilities as a strategy for reducing the amount of organics going into landfills.
- Several Task Force members have participated in interviews with a University of Michigan researcher who is working to identify success factors of Health in All Policies initiatives.
- On April 30th, Task Force staff presented about the HiAP Task Force at a Canadian Ministry of Health conference in Ottawa.
- On April 17th, Task Force staff moderated a panel discussion titled, “Community. Power. Justice: A Healthy California for All” at the California Endowment’s Building Healthy Communities convening.
- On May 5th, Task Force staff presented a keynote address at the North Carolina Public Health Association Annual Meeting about health equity and the Health in All Policies approach.
- The Minnesota State Human Services Department ratified an administrative policy on health equity that requires the use of a Health in All Policies approach and cites the California HiAP Task Force as a model.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see [http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s\\_hiap.php](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php) or contact [hiap@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:hiap@cdph.ca.gov).